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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 2823**

PATENT

Customer No. 22,852
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Takayuki NIUYA et al.) Group Art Unit: 2823
Application No.: 09/658,193) Examiner: J. MALDONADO
Filed: September 8, 2000)
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR) Confirmation No. 2409
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed April 6, 2004, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks follow the amendment sections of this paper.